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SUBJECT: BORDER ATTACK ON ZAIRE: SENEGALESE REACTION

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1. SENEGALESE PUBLIC REACTION TO BORDER ATTACK ON ZAIRE HAS BEEN LIMITED TO BRIEF NEWS ITEMS IN LOCAL MEDIA AND NO EDITORIAL COMMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.
2. FONMINISTRY POLITICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SALOUM KANDE TOLD DCM MARCH 14 THAT GOS HAS ONLY VERY SKETCHY INFORMATION ON EPISODE SO FAR AND IS SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF EVENTS. PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S DIRECTOR OF CABINET MOUSTAPHA NIASSE TOLD EMBOFF TODAY THAT BORDER ATTACKS ARE "PREDICTABLE MPLA ATTEMPT TO DESTABILIZE MOBUTU." HE COMMENTED THAT EARLIER ALLEGATIONS THAT ZAIRIANS HAD ATTACKED ANGOLAN BORDER POSTS WERE MERELY PRETEXT FOR MPLA'S PREMEDITATED EFFORT TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR MOBUTU.
3. NIASSE'S REACTION REFLECTS ATTITUDE WE WOULD EXPECT OF GOS OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH LEADERSHIP STYLES OF SENGHOR AND MOBUTU DIFFER GREATLY, THEY HAVE MUCH IN COMMON PHILOSOPHICALLY AND HAVE CORDIAL PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP. WHILE GOS MAINTAINS EXCELLENT

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RELATIONS WITH GOZ, IT CONTINUES TO BE ON STRAINED TERMS WITH MPLA AND STRONGLY DISAPPROVES OF SOVIET-BACKED CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. THUS WE WOULD EXPECT GOS TO SYMPATHIZE WITH ZAIRIANS AND BE HIGHLY MISTRUSTFUL OF ANGOLAN REGIME'S MOTIVES.
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